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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 12, 2023

Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring not-for-profit hospitals inform patients that low to moderate-income persons may qualify for help with medical bills through such hospitals charitable programs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2803-bb to read as follows:

§ 2803-bb. Disclosure of charitable programs. All hospitals organized pursuant to the not-for-profit corporation law or which meets the qualifications of section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code shall:

(a) disclose to all patients and any patient's authorized representative that such hospital has charitable programs for low and moderate-income persons to help with medical bills including, but not limited to, the charitable programs information and contact information regarding such programs.

(b) post conspicuously on such hospital's website, lobby areas, and other areas where patients could view the post that such hospital has charitable programs for low and moderate-income persons to help with medical bills including, but not limited to, the charitable programs information and contact information regarding such programs.

(c) post conspicuously on the first page of any medical bill issued by such hospital and on any intake document, including electronic, digital or any other method used by such hospital for such documents, in the same font size and format as such bill or intake document, as applicable, a notice that such hospital has charitable programs for low and moderate-income persons to help with medical bills including, but not limited to, the charitable programs information and contact information regarding such programs.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(d) inform all social workers in such hospital that such hospital has charitable programs for low and moderate-income persons to help with medical bills including, but not limited to, the charitable programs information and contact information regarding such programs and such social workers shall disclose such information.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.